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THE VILLAGE OF
KNOTHOLE...

LOOK,
EVERYBODY!
LOOK!

WHAT IS IT,
AMY ROSE?

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NEVER MIND,
CHILD—I SEE IT FOR
MYSELF, BUT I CAN
SCARCELY BELIEVE
IT!

EMERGING FROM
THE GREAT OAK
SLIDE--IT'S BUNNIE
RABBIT, YOUNG MILES
PROWER AND ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE!

YES, FATHER,
THEY'VE RETURNED
SAFELY! THEY
SOMEHOW ESCAPED
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S
SPACE PLAT-
FORM!*

BUT LOOK,
PRINCE ELIAS--
THEY'VE ALSO
BROUGHT SONIC'S
PARENTS--AND WHO'S
THAT WITH THEM?

YEEE-HA!

* They were held prisoner
there in SONIC 875 -- 396.



REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE

Chapter One

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THIS IS JERAMIAH, HE
IS THE GRANDSON OF THE
GREAT STORYTELLER, KIMBY!

BEP!

HELLO,
EVERYBODY!
HOW'D YOU
ALL ESCAPE?

LOONG
STORY!

IT SURE
IS GOOD
TO BE
HOME,
THOUGH!

WELCOME
BACK!

JULES... BERNIE...
ROBOTNIK BRAGGED OF
HOW HE'D REGAINED CON-
TROL OVER ALL ROBOT-
ICIZED MOBIANS...

...BUT THE TWO OF
YOU SOMEHOW SEEM TO
BE STILL IN POSSESSION
OF YOUR FREE WILL!
HOW COULD THAT BE?

IT'S SOMEHOW
CONNECTED TO OUR
ANNIVERSARY PRESENT,
DOCTOR GWACK...

THESE
WEDDING BANDS
THAT SONIC GAVE
US!

I DON'T BELIEVE
THAT IT IS JUST NOT
SCIENTIFICALLY
FEASIBLE!

SCIENCE DOESN'T
MATTER WHERE THE POWER
OF THE SUPER-EMERALD
IS CONCERNED, FRIEND.
IT WAS THAT SAME POWER...

...THAT ENABLED SIR
CHARLES HEDGEHOG
AND I TO FASHION THOSE
WEDDING BANDS FROM PRE-
EXISTING POWER
RINGS.*

* See GN H75 -- JFG

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WHAT ABOUT THE
PRINCESS? WHERE'S
SALLY-- AND
SONIC?

WELL,
SIRE...

...ZBY...

...BT...

KINDA
MAD...

...TO
STAY...

...IN ROBO-
TROPOLIS...

AND
COMPLETE...

...A
DANGEROUS...

...MISSION...

OH, REALLY?
ANOTHER DANGEROUS
MISSION WITHOUT MY
SAY-SO? PLEASE TELL
ME, I'D LOVE TO HEAR
ALL ABOUT IT...

SANYHILE, IN THE SANDY
EXPANSE OF DESERT THAT
LIES BETWEEN ROBOTROPOLIS,
A CITY RULED BY DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK...

...AND THE GREAT FOREST,
AN ENVIRONMENTAL PARADISE
THAT MARKS THE WAY TO
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

ARE
YOU SURE,
SAL?

I HOPE SO, SONIC!
THE VIRUS THAT SNIVELY
AND I PLANTED IN
ROBOTNIK'S MASTER
COMPUTER...

...SHOULD PRE-
VENT HIM FROM
EVER LEARNING
OF KNOTHOLE'S
HIDDEN
LOCATION!

IF NOT, NOTHING WILL
EVER STOP THAT FIEND
AND HIS SHADOW-
BOTS...

...FROM FINDING
US OR THE OTHER
MOBILIANS WE
RESCUED!"

* See last issue
** Ditto...TFC

WELL, THEN, THEY
CAN GIVE IT THEIR BEST
SHOT! I'LL BE RIGHT
THERE WAITING TO--

Princess
Gally--

YES,
NICOLE?

--my built-in
sensors detect
three Shadow-Bot-
bearing vessels
approaching from
the west.



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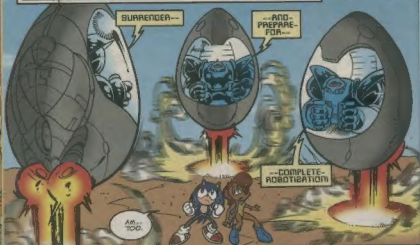
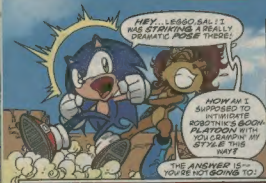
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LOOK TO
ONLY THE
DRAGON

AND SHE
WAS COMPLETELY
TOTALLED TWO OF
THOSE SHADOW
BOTS

WHAT ARE
FRIENDS YOU
SING?

SURRENDER
AND

AAAAAAAAAAAA

IT'S GONE! THAT'S ONE
BOT THAT... THINK TWICE
ABOUT THAT... IT'S ASHES

WAY TO GO
GUYS

THANKS! I'M
GLAD TO SEE THAT
YOU'RE BOTH BACK
FROM ORBIT... NEED
A LIFT?

INTERLUDE

JUST BEYOND THE
RIM OF THE GALAXY,
THERE IS A BURST OF
BLINDING ENERGY

AND TWO VESSELS
EMERGE FROM THE
MYSTERIOUS FOLDS OF
HYPER-SPACE

WHENCE DID THESE
SPACE RAFTS JOURNEY?

W COURSE - AS
- 1 - 4 4094
STAR SYSTEM?

A MORE
- 2 - 11
WHY?

WITHOUT A PAUSE

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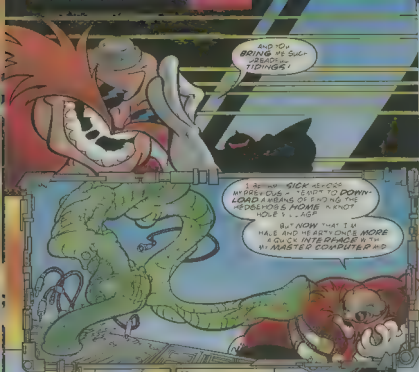
DOCTOR ROBOT'S
HEADQUARTERS
IN ROBOTCITY 6

MISSION-OBJECTIVE DESTROY-
GONIC-HAS BEEN DISRUPTED-
BY-PRESENCE OF WINGED-
REPTILE-SPECIES DESIGNATE
DRAGON

"A DRAGON!"

"HELP ME OUT OF
MY CYBER-BUNK AT
ONCE YOU TWITS! NO
SOONER DO I RECOVER
FROM MY SUDDEN
ILLNESS."

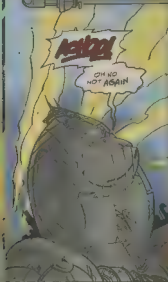
"THE SAME TOUGH 7
END 1984 USA 100"



AND YOU
BRING ME SUCH
DREADFUL
TIDINGS!

I AM NOW SICK OF OUR
MYSTERIOUS - "TEND TO DOWN-
LOAD AMBANS OF ENDING THE
HEDGEHOGS HOME A KNOT
HOLE Y... AGP

BUT NOW THAT I AM
HALE AND HEARTY ONCE MORE
A QUICK INTERFACE WITH
MY MASTER COMPUTER AND



NO!

OH NO
NOT AGAIN

K... THE... PL... AGE

B BUT YOUR
HEAVY FEET WAS
GONE AND
UNCOVERED
ROBOTNICK'S
SCHEME!

AND I AM
NOW GOING TO
DISOBBY
YOUR ORD. "H
HE IS 10,000
RE ANTI-LESS
SLAVES



ENOUGH

THE
EARS ALL
THAT I NEED
TO DEBARD NA
-ONG THANK
YOU

"I SKY ABOVE
THE GREAT FOREST"

HOLD ON
TIGHT EVERY-
ONE! MABOY
TO TOUCH
DOWN!

I'VE ALWAYS HAD A
ROUGH TIME IN MY
LANDINGS BUT I'VE GOT
TO TRYING MAKE THIS
ONE

WAT TO
GO DANCE
...

QUET SON C--SHE'S
NOT FINISHED YET SO DON'T
BREAK HER CONCENTRATION!

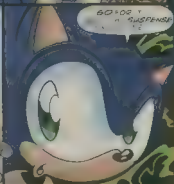
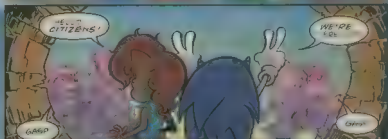
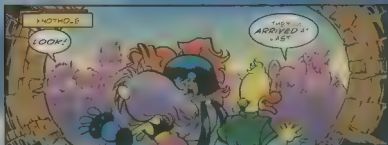
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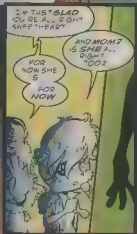
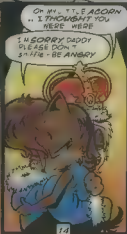
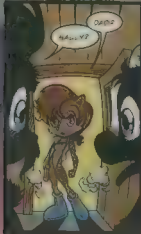
MABOY YOU
ARE

AND
HERE I
GO

BYE DULL
AND THANKS!

WELL, I GOT
THE BODY THE
GREAT OAK SLIDE
FOR 4 AND 50
DOLLARS





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YOU'RE FEELING OKAY,
PRINCESS? YOU'VE BEEN
THROUGH OUT A BIT
THESE PAST TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS!

I'M FINE,
DOCTOR JACK

AWW SHUCKS
SA, GF N EHE D
TALK N TO HER DAD
I KNOW THAT K N G
MAX TOLD ME NOT
TO MESS AROUND
WITH DOBOTH K'S
SATELLITES

BUT I WAS
ONLY TRYING
TO HE, P!

WHY W
YOUR WHIM
HIGHNESS
I WELL
BE

NOT
ANOTHER WORD
UNTIL... I'VE HAD
MY SAY

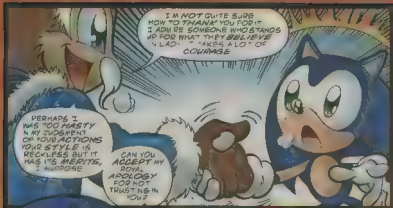
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
SINCE YOU
RETURNED TO
THE KINGDOM
ACORN YOU
HAVEN'T LISTENED
TO MY ORDERS
AT ALL

WHEN I STRICTLY
FORBODE YOUR PART-
PAT ON IN THE MISSION
TO SAVE NATE MORGAN'S
-IF YOU IGNORED
ME-

WHEN I GAVE
YOU A SPECIFIC
ORDER NOT TO
INVEST GATE
THOSE
SATELLITES
YOU PUBLICLY
REFUSED

SOMEHOW
YOU MANAGED TO
DISOBEY ME ON
BOTH COUNTS
AND

... BRU TO
"IS PATH THE



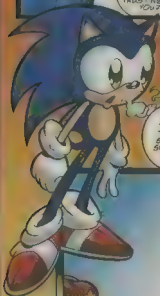
I'M NOT QUITE SURE
HOW TO THANK YOU FOR IT
I ADMIRE SOMEONE WHO STANDS
UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE
IN. "TAKES A LOT OF
COURAGE"

PERHAPS I
WAS TOO HASTY
IN MY JUDGMENT
OF YOUR ACTIONS
YOUR STYLE IS
RECKLESS BUT IT
HAS ITS MERITS,
I SUPPOSE

CAN YOU
ACCEPT MY
ROYAL
APOLOGY
FOR NOT
TRUSTING IN
YOU?

DON'T SWEAT
IT SURE BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND IF
YOU REALLY WEREN'T
MAD AT ME WHY'D
YOU MAKE EVERYBODY
THINK YOU WERE?

IT WOULDN'T
DO FOR A GENERAL
TO PUBLICLY APOLOGIZE
TO A DISOBEYANT
SOLDIER EVEN IF THAT
SOLDIER WAS INSTRUMENTAL
IN WINNING THE
WAR



I CAN TOTALLY
RELATE TO THAT, SIR-
IT'S AN EGO THING!

NON I
THINK THIS
COULD BE THE
START OF A
GREAT
FRIEND-
SHIP!

POSSIBLY



OTHERWISE
HOW WOULD THE
GENERAL THEN
APPEAR TO ALL THE
OTHER SOLDIERS
IN HIS
COMMAND?



T
E

NO OTHER DAY DRAWS SO CLOSE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WHERE WE FIND A GATHERING AROUND A CAMPFIRE

--THOSE BOOKS ARE PART OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE THEM VERY SOON!

YOUR DAYS ARE EXPOSED TO END... OF THE BAD PARTS OF LIFE AS WE KNOW IT

--THAT WE SHOULD WORK TO PRESERVE THE GOOD!

SOUNDS LIKE AN INTERESTING DIS-
-GUSTY AND EYE-
-CATCHING

PRINCE
ELIAS!

LET ME
APPROACH

AT THE
DISC OF
SOUNDING
LIKE A
DANCE--

--JUST WHAT IS EVERY-
ONE STALKING ABOUT?

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
THE BOOKS WE LEFT BACK AT
THE LIBRARY!

SO DO ALL
THE OTHERS KRAMIAH'S
WANDERER KIRBY
HOPE ABOUT OUR
HISTORY!

THEY'RE
SUCH A TASTE

UNFORTUNATELY,
ANYONE WHOSE
NEVER ABLE TO
TELL THE WHOLE
STORY!

HE
MYSTERIOUSLY
VANISHED DURING
THE GREAT
WAR!

SO WHAT
HAPPENED?

"I TELL
'EM & YOU
LIVED THROUGH
MORE OF 'EM
THAN I DO

NOT EVEN THE
5 RECORDS FOR
HISTORY'S PROSPERITY

WE WERE ON A
MISSION TO DIS-
COVER WHAT HAD
BECOME OF KIRBY
OUR FATHER KING
ACORN WAS AKA
THE ENEMY HAD

CHIEF!

FOLLOWING A LEAD
THAT KIRBY HAD BEEN
TAKEN TO THE 20TH
HE ENCOUNTERED AN
OVERLANDER AND
SABE CHASE

A CUR MASTE
TO LEARN WHAT
THE O. B. L. AND
KNEW HE GOT
CARELESS

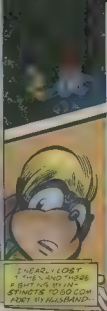
TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

FOR BETTER
OR WORSE...

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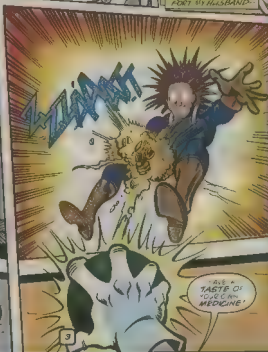
WHEE!



BUT I WON HEAR NO
A SOUND FROM THE
DOOFTOP ABOVE ME
ANGER GOT THE
* * * * * TEA OF ME

...AND I'D DIE,
FUGGERS

OH YEAH
GRUESOMER



HAVE A
TASTE OF
"OUR OWN
MEDICINE"



HERE!
GIVE HIM
TO ME!

EASY WITH THAT,
AMEDEUS! IT'S A
MIRACLE WE'VE
GOTTEN HIM THIS
FAR



SHERMAN
YOU MANGY OLD
COOT

PUT THE
PEDAL TO THE
METAL AND GET
US BACK TO
MOBOTROPOLIS!

AS SOON AS
YOU SHUT THE
MATCH--



WE'RE
ROLLING!



SHERMAN BROVE A NEW
SPEED RECORD GETTING
US BACK TO THE KINGDOM
NO MATTER THE OBSTACLE
WE FOUND A WAY

WHILE THE REST
OF US TENDED TO
JULIE



"THOUGH IT SEEMED
LIKE FOREVER,
WITHIN THE HOUR

TO A BETTER
BELIEVE
PARTNER!

WE
JUST PASSED
THE CITY
LIMITS!

"TULS WAS IN THE OPERATING ROOM OF THE MOBOTROPOLIS GENERAL HOSPITAL

SEN
N N HD
NURSE

I'VE DONE
ALL THAT CAN
BE DONE

WE SAT AND
WAITED FOR
OVER SEVEN
LONG TENSE
HOURS

"...THAT WHEN THE DOCTOR
STEPPED OUT FROM BEHIND
CLOSED DOORS WE HELD
OUR BREATH, HOPING FOR
ANY SIGN OF REASSUR-
ANCE--

ONLY TO FIND NONE
WAS FORTHCOMING

I'M REALLY
SORRY ABOUT

AT THE
MOMENT
THERE'S
LITTLE
HOPE!

"FIGURING TULS HAD NOTHING
LEFT TO LOSE CHARLES
STEPPED FORWARD WITH A
DESPERATE PLEA

"THERE'S 4850
LATELY DON'T
NOTHING ELSE
CAN DO FOR MY
BROTHER

WOULD YOU
CONSIDER AN
ALTERNATIVE?

"S CHARLES EXPLAINED
WHAT HE HAD IN MIND TO
THE DOCTOR ELSEWHERE
IN THE KINGDOM THINGS
WEREN'T GOING ANY BETTER

THEY
KEEP POWLING
T O N . .

• AND
WE P A L -
B A C K
WE HAVE
TO MAKE A
S T A N D
S O M E
T H I N G
T H A T
S A Y S
T H I S
P A R
A N D
N O
F U R T H E R

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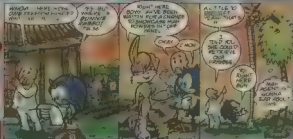
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SONIC ADVENTURES



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

The upcoming *SONIC ADVENTURE* storyline on sale late November through late January 2000 is a story so huge that it's taking four issues of *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, two issues of *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA* and one 40 page *SONIC SUPER SPECIAL* to tell it all! That my friends is the official game adaptation to "SONIC ADVENTURE" This game can only be played on one new system: SEGA's DREAMCAST "the ultimate gaming machine" — debuting on 9/9/99!

This high-speed thrill ride sets Sonic loose in a fantastic new 3-D adventure at speeds of up to 60 frames per second! With breath-taking graphics, six playable characters, full 360 degree movement in expansive 3-D worlds (and even "mini games" to discover), "SONIC ADVENTURE" shows gamers the future of video games today using the power of SEGA Dreamcast. Producer Yuji Naka and his Sonic team are taking Sonic and his friends to a new level. Gamers can now play as one of any six characters including Sonic, Tails, Knuckles, and Amy Rose, or new characters, Big The Cat and E-102. These characters can now climb, fly, hover, snowboard and for the first time, talk — whatever it takes to stop their nemesis, Dr. Robotnik.



Next Month. A new logo, a new trade dress, a new story direction: look out for "A New Beginning" in the next exciting installment of *Sonic The Hedgehog*!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #78 on sale late October 1999!

That's it for this month, so until then

Catch you on the flip side!

J.F. GABRIE

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Re: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #73

Dear Sonic,

I just read issue #73. I loved it! I can't believe old Ro-cork-nack survived the WA blast! Question time: 1) How did Robotnik survive? 2) Will we ever get to see Super Sonic, Hyper Knuckles, and Turbo Tails together again? 3) Will Marmoset Nagal ever come back? I'd love to see him and Izo Nagus team up. That's all for now.

Jason Golles (age 12)
Livonia, MI

Jason's got questions — we've got answers... 1) He didn't. As you know by now, it's not the Robotnik from this zone but a Robotnik from another zone (who calls himself Robo-Robotnik) who has taken over. 2) Only Super Sonic is scheduled to make an appearance soon. 3) You never know what the future holds.

Dear Sonic,

I think that your comics are awesome! I have a few questions: 1) What issues can I find Knuckles? 2) Will there ever be an Amy Rose or Antoine mini-series? 3) I know that Robotnik's back, so what are you going to do about

it? 4) Will we ever see Turbo Tails again? Catch ya on the flip side!

Becky Shephard
Coldwater, MI

1) Well, Becky, the issues are as follows: SONIC #42, SONIC LIVE #1, SONIC #45, SONIC #46. 2) No plans on either of those two to have their own mini-series. 3 & 4) You'll just have to keep reading to find out.

Dear Sonic Grams,

Sonic #73 was great, but I have some questions: 1) Now that Rotor is gone will we see him make an appearance soon? 2) Where has Robotnik been hiding since Sonic #50? 3) How did Sonely escape the giant squid?

Craig Winston
Vernon VT

1) Rotor will come back. 2) No one knows since THAT Robotnik never made it back. 3) Snively was teleported up to the satellites by Robo-Robotnik.

Dear Sonic Grams,

I just finished reading Sonic

#73 and it was awesome! Before I didn't know what was going on in orbit but now I do. Now for some questions: 1) Where did Uncle Chuck and Muttisk go? 2) In the back-up story, what happened to the boy with the white backpack? Well that's all for now. Keep up the good work.

Mark Zimmer (age 10)
Rowell, GA

1) Uncle Chuck and Muttisk are both now under Robotnik's control so they are in Robotropolis. 2) In the back-up story, the boy with the white backpack was turned into a casualty of war by the evil Warlord Kodos.

We appreciate your comments on SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #73. Come back next month as we review SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #74.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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In two weeks: In the three-part story called "King Of The Hill," Knuckles and his childhood bully Monk duke it out when a mysterious overlander named Hunter decides to target them both for his collection. Action and intrigue as brought to you by Ken Penders and Harvo. Also, Part Two of the Espio The Chameleon solo story by Ken Penders, with art by Colleen Doran and Andrew Pepoy.



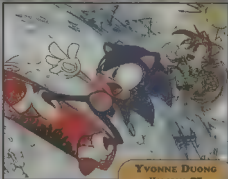
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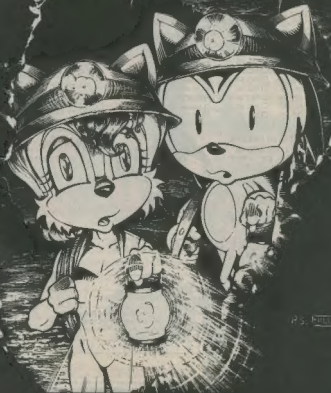


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